

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2005-219-C

Budget Phone, Incorporated ("Budget Phone" or the "Company"), pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") and Sections 54.101 through 54.207 of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has petitioned the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in certain BellSouth, Sprint, and Verizon exchanges ("Designated Area") for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support. According to the Application, Budget Phone has satisfied all of the statutory and regulatory requirements for designation as an ETC in the Designated Areas.

A copy of the application is on file in the offices of the Commission, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's web site at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov), and is available from Ronald Munn, Jr., Director of Regulatory and Revenue Assurance, Post Office Box 19360, Shreveport, LA 71149.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **September 16, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-219-C.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, and Ronald Munn, Jr, Director of Regulatory and Revenue Assurance, at the above address, on or before **September 16, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-219-C.***

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **September 16, 2005**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-219-C.***

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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